

AO 91 (Rev. 08/09) Criminal Complaint

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Texas

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United States of America
 Guillermo CARDENAS-Sanchez,
 AKA: Gilberto MENERA-Sanchez
 YOB: 1970, COC: Mexico

SEALED

Case No. M-17-0914-M

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of July 25, 2015 in the county of Hidalgo in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

21 USC 952
 21 USC 963
 21 USC 841
 21 USC 846

Knowingly and intentionally attempt to import into the United States from the United Mexican States approximately 26.2 kilograms (KGs) of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute approximately 26.2 KGs of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. Furthermore, the defendant did knowingly and unlawfully conspire to possess with intent to distribute and import the above listed controlled substance.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

✓ Continued on the attached sheet.

Approved to file:

AUSA

Complainant's signature

Gerardo Mercado, HSI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 5/23 /2017

Judge's signature

City and state: McAllen, Texas

Dorina Ramos, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

ATTACHMENT A

- I. On or about July 25, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers (CBPOs) encountered and detained an individual (hereinafter referred to as **Defendant 1**) attempting to smuggle approximately 26.2 kilograms of methamphetamine in a vehicle via the Pharr, Texas Port of Entry (Pharr POE).
- II. On or about July 25, 2015, Homeland Security Investigations Special Agents from McAllen, Texas (HSI McAllen SAs) interviewed **Defendant 1** and were able to identify a second co-conspirator (hereinafter referred to as **Defendant 2**) who assisted **Defendant 1** with the narcotics smuggling attempt via the Pharr POE. **Defendant 1** and **Defendant 2** admitted their participation with attempting to smuggle the approximately 26.2 kilograms of methamphetamine from Reynosa, Mexico to Houston, Texas. **Defendant 1** and **Defendant 2** were arrested by HSI SAs and prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Texas.
- III. **Defendant 1 and Defendant 2** both identified **Guillermo CARDENAS-Sanchez**, AKA: Gilberto MENERA-Sanchez, as the facilitator who instructed them to smuggle the 26.2 kilograms of methamphetamine from Reynosa, Mexico to Houston, Texas.
- IV. On or about February 22, 2017, HSI SAs interviewed **CARDENAS-Sanchez** in Houston, Texas. **CARDENAS-Sanchez** admitted he orchestrated the narcotics smuggling attempt that led to the arrest of **Defendant 1 and Defendant 2** at the Pharr POE on or about July 25, 2015.
- V. HSI SAs were able to corroborate phone communications between **CARDENAS-Sanchez** and **Defendant 1/Defendant 2** during the narcotics smuggling activities on or about July 25, 2015. **CARDENAS-Sanchez** admitted he provided **Defendant 1** and **Defendant 2** instructions on or about July 25, 2015 via cellular phone.